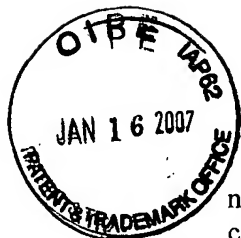


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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

**INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought of the new and distinct variety of:

**METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A FLEXIBLE TUBE**

The specification was filed on January 20, 2006 as Serial No. 10/565,321

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to the examination of this application namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent.

**PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. §§ 119(a)-(d), (f), and 365(a) and (b))**

I hereby claim priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. Section 120 and any United States application(s), or Section 119 (a)-(d) or f, or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's or plant breeder's right certificate(s), or any PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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